2. Ile not meddle with it, it is a dangerous thing,
It makes a man a coward. A man cannot steale,
But it accuseth him, he cannot steale but it checks him:
He cannot lie with his neighbours wife but it detects
Him, it is a blushing shamefull spirit that mutinies
In a mans bosome: it fils one full of obstacles;
It made me once restore a peece of gold that I found.
It beggers any man that keepes it: it is turnd out of all
Townes and Cities for a dangerous thing, and euery
Man that meanes to liue well, and endeauours to trust
To himselfe, and liue without it.

1. Zounds, it is euen now at my elbow, perswading me
Not to kill the Duke.

2. Take the Diuell in thy minde, and beleeue him not,
He would insinuate with thee to make thee sigh.

1. Tut I am strong in fraud he cannot preuaile with me,
I warrant thee.

2. Stood like a tall fellow that respects his reputation,
Come shall we to this geare?

1. Take him ouer the costard with the hilt of my Sword,
And then we will chop him in the Malmsey, but in the next
(roome:

2. Oh excellent deuice, make a soppe of him.

1. Harke, he stirs shall I strike?

2. No, first lets reason with him. *Cla. awaketh.*

Cla. Where art thou keeper, giue me a cup of Wine.

1. You shall haue Wine enough, my Lord anone.

Cla. In Gods Name what art thou:

2. A man, as you are.

Cla. But not as I am, royall.

1. Nor you as we are loyall.

Cla. Thy voyce is thunder, but thy lookes are humble.

2. My voyce is now the Kings, my lookes mine owne.

Cla. How darkely and how deadly doest thou speake?
Tell me, who are you? wherefore came you hither?

Am, To, to, to.

Cla. To murther me? *Am. I.*

Cla. You scarce haue the heart to tell me so,
And therefore cannot haue the heart to doe it,
Wherein my friends haue I offended you?

1. Offended

1 Offended vs you haue no
Cla. I shall be reconciled to
2 Neuer my Lord, therefor
Cla. Are you cald forth from
To slay the innocent? what i
Where are the euidence to a
What lawfull quest hath giue
Vnto the frowning Iudge, or
The bitter sentence of poore
Before I be conuict by cours
To threaten me with death i
I charge you as you hope to
By Christs deare Blood shed
That you depart and lay no
The deed you vndertake is da
1 What we will doe, we do
2 And he that hath comma
Cla. Erroneous vassaile, the
Hath in his Table of his Law
That thou shalt doe no murde
Spurne at his edict, and fulfil
Take heed, for he holds ven
To hurle vpon their heads th
2 And that same vengeance
For false forswearing, and for
Thou didst receiue the holy
To fight the quarrell of the h
1 And like a traytor to the
Didst breake that vow, and
Vnript the bowels of thy sou
2 Whom thou wert swor
1 How canst thou vrge Go
When thou hast broke it in
Cla. Alasse, for whose sake
For *Edward*, for my brother, f
VVhy sirs, he sends you not t
For in this sinne he is as dee
If God will be reuenged for
Take not the quarrell from h

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